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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Christmas Gift Ideas for those Hard to Shop For!**

Is all of your Christmas shopping done? Looking for a few good ideas for under \$30? The City of Branson Fire Department has developed a Top 10 list of gift ideas that may help you and your family be better prepared for a severe weather event or other disaster.

“Sometimes, you just have that family member or friend to buy a gift for that seems to have everything they need... and this list gives a few ideas to become better prepared for special needs around the home and while traveling,” stated Branson Fire Chief Ted Martin.

Topping the list are items to alert the family including Smoke Alarms to provide early warning of a fire in the home to Carbon Monoxide Alarms that provide warning of the buildup of this deadly gas from incomplete combustion of fossil fuels as well promoting the purchase of All-Hazard Risk Radios (NOAA Weather Alert Radios) that provide up to the minute weather information as well as emergency management messages.

Fire Extinguishers and First Aid Kits for the home and car give you the advantage to extinguish small fires and to provide basic first aid until emergency responders arrive.

Home Disaster Kits should be prepared to help sustain your family’s basic needs for up to three days including canned goods, toys for the kids, extra pet food, and other items provided on this list.

Emergency Car Kits will include a flashlight, first aid kit, jumper cables, extra blanket, gloves and hats, and a small shovel for example. Speaking of Flashlights, they can be placed in your Home Disaster Kit, the Emergency Car Kit, and throughout the home.

Keep a case of Bottled Water in your home for each member of the family. Finally, Spare Batteries for smoke alarms, flashlights, and radios can be purchased and stored in the home disaster kit.

For more information about keeping your family safe and prepared in the event of a home fire or other disaster, contact the Branson Fire Department at (417) 243-2790 or your local fire department.

# TOP 10 HOLIDAY GIFTS

TO PREPARE FOR WINTER WEATHER



1. All-Hazard Risk Radio  
(NOAA Weather Alert Radio)
2. Smoke Alarms
3. Carbon Monoxide Alarms
4. Home Fire Extinguisher
5. First Aid Kit
6. Flashlights
7. Disaster Kit for Home or Vehicle  
(Extra food, toys, warm clothes)
8. Jumper Cables
9. Case of Bottled Water  
(For each member of the family)
10. Spare Batteries